Dear Js,

5/15

With about 20 minutes before I awaken Lil and then leave for the dentist and other things in Washington, and with two of the larger days of WC reporting to go over before getting up to today's paper, I turn to your 5/4. With it, by the way, were items I did not see each addressing a possible part of a possible book. Thanks.

As I cleaned up the issue of the 8th, I got a little sick. If I got discouraged, I guess I'd be/ All of the incredible story, if not precise details, was visible in advance, I saw enough to have been able to develop much of the rest before it was forced out, and could do nothing and get no interest. And with my record in publishing, nobody asked about a book. Links with the JFK assassination exist, too. The Post and Times have been smelling around. I've heard from neither. They have been in touch with the nuts.

What triggered this is Broder's piece the day the Post carried the Pulitzers. In it he called the Post's reporting investigative. Perhaps in a sense it was. I'd like your opinion. I do not think it is. I do think it was excellent, that the two men were dogged, his word, and restrained, also his notion. Mine is too restrained, more than necessary for responsibility. I know some of what they didn't use and lead they didn't follow and where they'd lead. I believe they did well with what was leaked to them, little if any more. Perhaps using one leak to punch another.

One test of press honesty will be today's conference on a commission for election reform. Proposed by the man responsible for the greatest transgressions against free elections, without this comment from anyone to date. If they don't say it he'll know he can still get away with pretty much anything.

By now your hunchabout the top aides' hold on GL is established fact. This graph will also go into the notes for a possible book. You could not have out it better, nor can I or do I want to forget it.

One reservation about the last sentence, Hunt's deadliest sting: I agree except for the changed situation from news breaks. His may be that in fact but because he is a minion and others are prominent, a lesser sting from a bigger scorpion may be more venomous as reported because of the attention it could get. Like a confession from Honest John of the GL tete-a-tete

Shall we hope that Hunt stops at nothing? Yes, I do, for it must all out. However, if I size the Hunt type up correctly, he may go to pieces now. I've suspected for a while that this may be happening. He is not the hero type. He is the kind who could do with power behind him, not from native ability. He doesn't have that kind of head. Had he in his career had to work in the open, he'd never have made it. His stuff fit prejudices so it was accepted, and with the overthrows, they were policy and two worked. I suspect him still of that insane Dominican memo for LBJ.

I watched and noted the Archives creeping, didn't notice the two dates. I think this was tthe typical Nixon copying. It was done with the JFK papers to suppress them. Comment on two immediately above and marked?

The lawyer Wolf has to be a nothing. Silence since. His location is the ambulance-chasing part of the legal town.

Today's radio news validates my direction in asking under FOI for expenditures on the Nixon properties, letter to Dean example. This may yet make the greatest sensation and force him out if followed.

Appreciate comment on proposed doctrine of proposed book when you have time. Also any suggestions.

Ray-Partin: don't take time. I wanted an opinion on reasonableness, probability. Lesar is getting very good, but I sought a more mature evaluation. I regard it as possible. The problem with getting near the flame is that it is hottest there.

Will you be taping Ervin hearings, the Hunts, etc.? Right now I'll have to give important things up just to listen. I am litigating.

The Dick I've referred to and to whom I wrote is a publishing lawyer-entrepeneur. He has taken precedent cases to the Supreme Court (I am Curious Yellow) and just made a real killing that will soon enough come out. From trash. But he is principled. He was with Grove when Rosset opoted for sex. He began with The Autobiography of Malcolm X. I did not know him then. One of his people knew Newman. which is what Killed Whitman